

City of Cabot
Special Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2007

I. Call to order

Mayor Williams called to order the special meeting of the City of Cabot on Wednesday, January 24, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. Opening prayer was given by Councilwoman Meissner and Boy Scout Alex Lamond led the Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll call

Those present were Mayor Williams, City Attorney Taylor, City Clerk-Treasurer Verkler, Aldermen Long, Cook, Teague, Williams, and Armstrong, and Councilwomen Meissner, Brickell, and LeMaster.

III. New business

- a) **ORDINANCE NO. 4 OF 2007 – AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2007; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES** was read by Verkler. Motion by Brickell, second by Cook, to read the ordinance by title only. All voted aye. Motion by Armstrong, second by Long, to suspend the rules of the second and third reading of the ordinance. All voted aye. Motion by Long, second by Armstrong, to adopt Ordinance No. 4 of 2007. During discussion, Councilwoman LeMaster voiced her objection to job cuts in Public Works, particularly Code Enforcement and Safety. Mayor Williams explained that all cuts were due to cash flow issues and as Mayor his budget policy for 2007 was zero growth to make up for significant over runs from last year. This budget includes that no vacancies will be filled, there will be no new positions, there will a significant reduction in overtime, a reduction of the work force, and the cutting of all capital expenditures. He went further to explain that the safety and code enforcement job would be covered by cross-training inspectors to look for violations that would then be forwarded to the remaining code enforcement position. A vote was taken on the motion to adopt with Long, Cook, Teague, Williams, Brickell, Meissner, and Armstrong voting aye and LeMaster voting nay. The ordinance passed 7-1. Motion by Brickell, second by Armstrong, to adopt the emergency clause of the ordinance. All voted aye.

IV. Adjournment

Motion by Long, second by Brickell, to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

CERTIFICATE

We, the undersigned Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer for the City of Cabot do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct record of the proceedings of the City of Cabot Regular Meeting held on Monday, January 15, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.


Eddie Joe Williams, Mayor


Marva Verkler, City Clerk-Treasurer